



**CITY OF IRWINDALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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INVESTIGATIONS LEAD TO 8 ARRESTS AND SEIZURE OF 1.5 TONS OF FIREWORKS

Irwindale, CA: Acting on tips and information from the community, investigators from the Irwindale Police Department conducted a series of investigations beginning in June 2021 into reports of illegal and dangerous fireworks being sold in the city of Irwindale through on-line, e-commerce sites.

The month-long investigation lead to a number of fireworks-related arrests and the seizure of over 1.5 tons of illegal and dangerous fireworks. The investigation resulted in the following arrests:

- June 2, 2021: Male juvenile arrested for misdemeanor fireworks-related charges. He was cited and released to his parents
- June 2, 2021: Angelo Arca Buna, 46-years from Baldwin Park, was arrested and cited for misdemeanor fireworks-related charges
- June 10, 2021: Male juvenile arrested for misdemeanor fireworks-related charges. He was cited and released to his parents
- June 12, 2021: Jesus Hernandez-Ramirez, 35-years from West Covina, was arrested and cited for misdemeanor fireworks-related charges
- June 16, 2021: Elias Garrido, 34-years from La Puente, was arrested and cited for felony fireworks-related charges
- June 23, 2021: Christopher Angle Salazar, 30-years from Bassett, was arrested and cited for misdemeanor fireworks-related charges
- June 28, 2021: Louis Alexis Garcia, 25-years from Baldwin Park, was arrested and cited for misdemeanor fireworks-related charges
- June 29, 2021: Mauricio Pineda, 33-years from Azusa, was arrested and cited for felony fireworks-related charges

The dangerous fireworks recovered in these investigations, totaling over 3,000 pounds, were seized by investigators to be appropriately destroyed.

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Unauthorized fireworks are not only illegal, but they are extremely dangerous and are disruptive to our community. Each Independence Day holiday, illegal fireworks lead to fires, injuries and property damage in the city of Irwindale and result in a number of complaints to the police department.

The City of Irwindale and the Irwindale Police Department have ZERO TOLERANCE for the possession, sales and use of illegal fireworks in our city. We encourage our community to make the holiday a safe one by using only "safe and sane" fireworks purchased from authorized fireworks stands. Better yet, we encourage our community to enjoy a professionally produced fireworks shows taking place in our area.

Anyone with information on persons possessing or selling dangerous fireworks is encouraged to make an anonymous report to www.lacrimestoppers.org or by calling 800-222-TIPS. Tipsters are eligible for rewards up to \$1,000.00 from Los Angeles Crime Stoppers for information leading to an arrest.

Photos attached.

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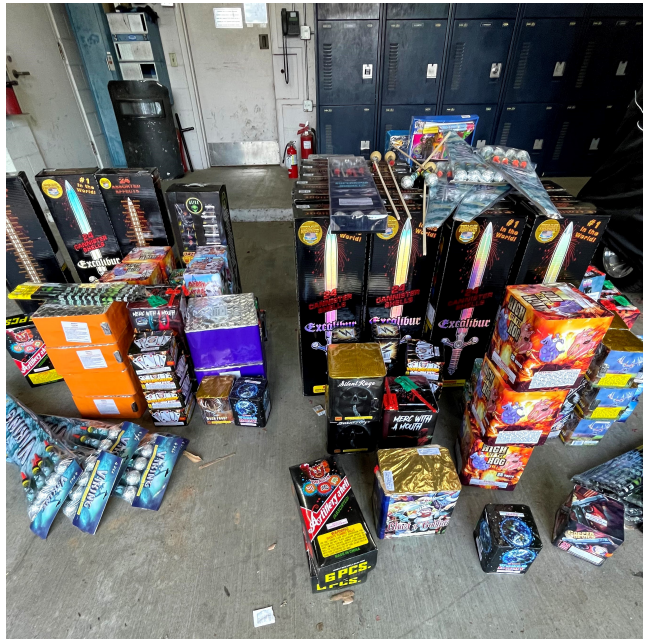
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